



The Martha Messenger

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Winter Is Past And Warmer Weather Is Here At Last



The Unsung Heroes Behind The Scenes...

Children remember to thank Santa for gifts but seldom think of the elves who build them. Another legend tells us that the Easter Bunny delivers eggs but who thinks of and thanks the chickens who lay them? As pointed out by these childhood beliefs, we often forget the ones who work behind the scenes. In the world of medicine, the doctor gets most of the acclaim. Nurses don't receive the recognition they deserve but nevertheless, are often remembered with gratitude. However, we seldom speak of the unit clerks after a hospital stay. Yet, in every medical facility, the Unit Clerks perform the paper work of the unit, preparing forms, recording information, transcribing doctors' orders, and freeing the nurses for more direct work with the patients. Their accuracy is essential for the smooth and efficient operation of the unit. The job requires good service skills, strong computer skills and the



Pauline Hetzel, Unit Clerk 2200

ability to manage files and records efficiently and accurately. So this month, let's focus on our unit clerks here at Martha T.Berry and give them our appreciation.

Pauline Hetzel has been at MTB for three years. She states that she likes working with people and is also a "paperwork" kind of person. She has previous experience in accounting and in billing. Pauline says that working as a

Unit Clerk gives her the opportunity to interact with the residents even though she is not a nurse. Pauline has three children ranging in age from twenty-four to ten. She enjoys bowling, watching her kids play soccer and is an avid Red Wings fan.

Nikki Williams has worked in the business office and in physical therapy at MTB. She has been a Unit Clerk for about seven months now. She enjoys being able to meet all the



Nikki Williams, Unit Clerk 2100

residents and says that her job enables her to be of service to many different people, not only the medical staff but the residents as well. Nikki has one beautiful daughter, Nevaih, who is six years old. She loves spending time with her and also enjoys bowling and reading as her favorite hobbies.



Pat McDonald acts as Unit Clerk for all units during the evening hours.

Pat McDonald has worked for an insurance company and a home health care firm for fourteen years. She has been a Unit Clerk at MTB for a year now. She likes the job and states that "it keeps you so busy you never have to worry about having something to do." Pat likes working here because she feels that the residents get more attentive care and that the facility is very clean. Pat does not have children so she says that she considers the residents her children and loves to look after their needs



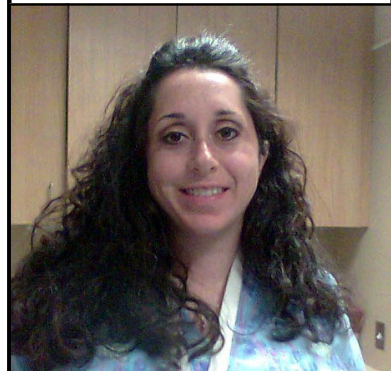
Shannon Jones Unit Clerk 2100

Shannon Jones has been a Unit Clerk at MTB for six years. She loves helping people and states that being a Unit Clerk is "hard work but is worth it." She enjoys the contact with the residents the job affords. Shannon has a nine month old baby, Collin, who is just learning to walk so she is kept quite busy but she does enjoy gardening, reading, and walking when she finds the time.



Donna Penhorwood Unit Clerk 3200

Donna Penhorwood studied to be a veterinary technician but when her husband's job took the family to Iowa, she discovered vet techs were not used in that state. Upon returning to Michigan, she applied in Macomb County and was assigned to MTB. She has been a Unit Clerk here for three years. She likes her job because it keeps her busy and some days everything "happens all at once." She has two grown children. She enjoys reading classical literature and working out.

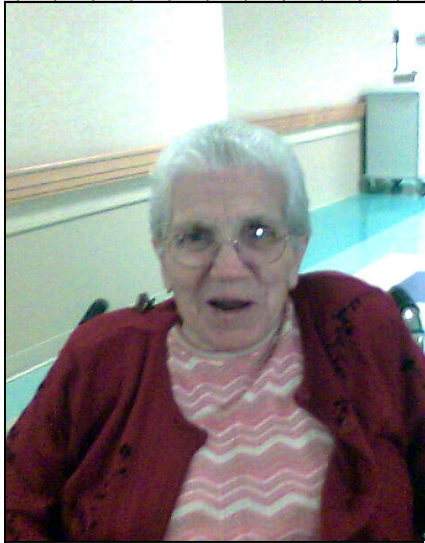


Joanne Romano
Part-time Unit Clerk

Joanne Romano worked as a part time Unit Clerk and has left because her baby is due soon. She previously worked at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center as a phlebotomist.

Our thanks to all who choose to work behind the scenes keeping track of everything that goes on in the forefront...Unit Clerks!

Meet Some Of Our June Birthday Personalities



Pierena Secchi has seen many parts of the world during her lifetime.

The story of Pierina Secchi brings the saying, "It's a small world to mind." She was born in Abruzzi, Italy and spent her early years there, attending school and helping on the family farm. Abruzzi is a very old town, high up in the mountains. The town church was already one hundred years old when Pierina attended there. The town had a theatre and that was considered really big time entertainment by the residents. The theatre and a fair held in Abruzzi were enough to lure a young man from South Africa who was visiting a neighboring town, Sardinia, in Italy. The young man, Francisco, and Pierina were married and had two children Carlo and Deanna. The little family lived in Italy,

and in South Africa, and immigrated to the United States seeking better opportunities. Francisco worked in a bakery and for Prince Spaghetti Company while Pierina did housekeeping for others and tended her own home as well. A wonderful cook, she prepared the traditional Italian foods, spaghetti, ravioli, gnocchi, and did her own canning. Holidays were spent visiting relatives, and having family dinners. Get togethers were held frequently, keeping the Secchis close to members of the extended family. For the past two years, Pierina has resided at MTB. She does not speak English well and gave this interview with her son, Carlo, acting as interpreter. She states that she is not lonely since her son visits every day and that she is well cared for here at MTB. She now enjoys movies, TV and attending church services. She does understand a friendly greeting and a smile so stop in and wish her a happy day when you visit the second floor.

Christine Cronin is a native Detroiter, growing up on the east side and attending Assumption Grotto Elementary, Columbus Junior High and Finney High School. She is the youngest girl among siblings Paul, Mike, Joe, Charlie, Di-
anne, Paula, and Ilene. The



Christine Cronin loves to cheer up the other residents around her.

Cronin family had a number of dogs who were all named Pal. Christine's sisters say that Christine was born to be the perfect mother, assisting her own mom from an early age with housekeeping, cooking, and baking. She has been married to Steve for twenty two years and has three children Adam, Valerie, and Veronica. A hockey mom and dance mom, a wonderful cook and baker, neighborhood children would all congregate at her home. Christine had her own housecleaning business and is a great bargain hunter. At MTB for three years, Christine enjoys musical activities and family visits. She often attempts to cheer up other residents. Wish her a happy and cheery birthday.

Happy June Birthday To Our Residents

Delphine Stanglewicz, 6/1

Deanna Norkiewicz, 6/4

Fredrick Stafford, 6/6

Zina Finley, 6/13

Joanne Cangelosi, 6/16

Veronica Jolly, 6/17

Christine Cronin, 6/27

Pierina Secchi, 6/29

Mary Kosulinski, 6/30

Rosemarie Bochniak, 6/7

Robert Spieles, 6/15

Audrey Deselm, 6/17

Larry Hourigan, 6/19

Carleton Fuhrman, 6/28

Geraldine Maas, 6/29

**Have A
Wonderful Day**



EVENTS

6/2	Resident Council	2:30PM
6/3	Aunt Theresa Bingo	10:30AM
6/9	Tony the Accordion Player and Banjo Dan	7:00PM
6 /10	Birthday Bingo	2:30PM
6/13	Lioness Bingo	10:15AM
6/17	Out Trip-Senior Festival	All Day
6/24	Dollar Store	2:30PM
6/25	Pet A Pet Visits	7:00PM
6/26	Germack Nut Sale	9-4:00PM
6/28	Davis Methodist Church Entertainment	2:30PM
6/30	In-House Tea Party	2:30PM



Residents' Corner



by Laurie Richards

The Resident Council meeting was held on May 5th at 2:30pm. This month, the Council discussed dietary changes, linen questions, special events, and upcoming out trips. Dave Witt gave an update on the progress being made on the back gardens and adding printers to the resident computers. At the completion of the meeting, the group voted Carla Johnson and Nikki Williams as honored employees of the Month. Congratulations Nikki and Carla!



Employees of the Month



Nikki Williams

The residents attending the monthly Resident Council meeting have selected Nikki Williams and Carla Johnson as the Employees of the Month. They say that Nikki, who is a Ward Clerk on 2200 is always friendly and personable. She is easy to approach, has a great attitude and is always smiling. Carla is one of our CNAs who residents say always "goes the extra mile." She is willing to do the many extra



Carla Johnson

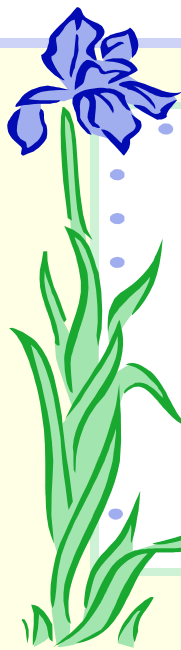
little things that make such a difference to the residents. Carla is always friendly and helpful. Congratulations to Nikki and Carla upon their nomination. Employees of the Month not only have the gratitude of the residents, they are entitled to a special reserved parking space during the entire month.



Cyndi Says.....



A warm welcome to the new employees at Martha T. Berry. Four new CNAs have been hired and have completed their orientation on Friday, May 29th. We look forward to meeting them as they begin performing their duties on the various units to which they have been assigned. Have you noticed a difference in Trooper these days? His weight has gone from 121 pounds to 115.7 and this, hopefully, will make a difference in the degree of pain he experiences from his arthritic back. He is up in age and needs medication but that alone will not bring relief. He must continue to lose weight, not an easy thing to do for any one, including a dog, so please continue resisting when he asks for treats. We have had some wonderful activities including the Petting Zoo, Barry Manilow, and the BBQ's for residents. Thanks to all who participated and assisted. All your efforts are truly appreciated.



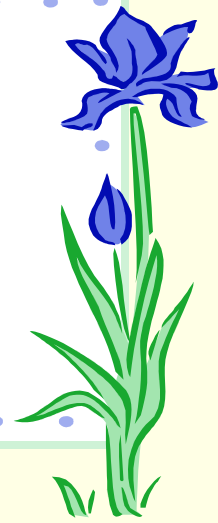
In Memory of

*Mary Jean Daugherty
Thadeus Chronowski*

*Peggy Grandy
Gerald Trickett*

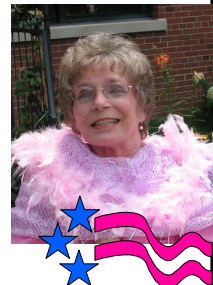
*Doris Sherrill
Joseph Coppola*

*Sincere Sympathy is Extended
To Family and Friends*



June's Poem

from Lenore Plawchan,
Resident Poet



June 14th Is Flag Day-Hooray for the Red, White, and Blue.
A tribute to dear Old Glory for all she has been through.

June 21st Is Father's Day-We honor dear old dad. We give him
Gifts. He is always happy. He is the only dad you ever had.

June 21st Is also the first day of Summer. Time for fun in the sun.
Swimming, boating, barbecues and much needed vacation fun.

June is a month for brides, perhaps anniversaries too.
School's out and mothers know kids will soon be bothering you.



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A warm welcome to the newest members
of our nursing staff...(left to right)
Josephine White, Yolanda Smith,
Shasta Smith and Janeen Peytin.

May was an exciting month at MTB with several very enjoyable activities taking place. As these photos illustrate, the Petting Zoo held on May 12 was a special fun filled event for residents, visitors, and staff alike.



Phillip Timmons and Pat Benedettini share a laugh with the baby camel.



Greta Tolliver and Rita Dean offer a little pat to a very little visitor.



Do we see Elizabeth Knoblauch and Karen Waldeck counting sheep?

Thank you to the Special Events Committee for their presentation of an enjoyable luncheon during Nursing Home Week. Hats off to the A & R Staff for putting on an excellent BBQ for the residents. Pat Herman's baked beans were really something to rave about as was Brenda Schrock's potato salad. Thanks to chefs Ron Goss and Van Schwerin for their cooking skills.

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Delphine Stanglewicz finds the camel a willing listener.



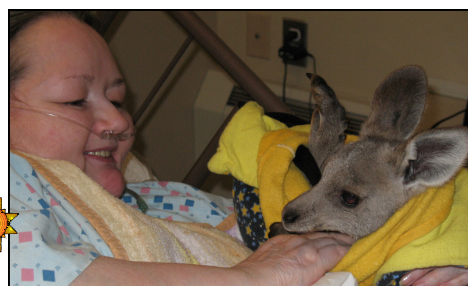
The animals enjoyed the offerings of grain presented in an ice cream cup.

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Theresa Wiacek coaxes little kangaroo out of his make shift pouch for a visit.



The baby kangaroo makes his rounds and pays a visit to Rosie Perkins.

The Spring Fling with Frank Sternett impersonating Barry Manliow was another enjoyable May event.

Welcome To Our New Residents

Carleton Fuhrman

Beverly Brown

Thomas Mantych

Timothy Mundt Jr

Larry Wyatt

Robert Westfall

Frank Kiernicki

Geraldine Raszkowski

Madonna Singelyn

Best Wishes to Short Term Patients Who Have Returned Home

Byron Lamonde

Margaret Hopp

Bettie Moore

Martha Delekta

Katherine Flesch

Gerald Nelson

Check It Out



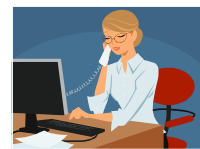
Go up to the second floor, turn left as you exit the elevator, and proceed to the 2100 desk. Turn right, go past the small dining room and you will discover the entrance to the newly completed courtyard. It offers a place to sit and visit and to look out on the area surrounding MTB. Benches are provided and there is even a drinking fountain. Residents can accompany their families and enjoy the view and fresh air. There are a few small umbrellas available and these can be clipped to a wheel chair to provide some shade. Even if one prefers the inner courtyard for its flowers, it is well worth your time to pay a visit to this courtyard and check it out.

Attention Sports Fans



A Sports Channel will be added to our TV line up at no extra cost. Watch for details coming soon.

Volunteers



The Michigan Works program has assigned The following members to MTB: Octavia Trotter, Tina Hillegas, Dave Hauge, and Thomas Plaza. They will staff the switchboard and be on hand at the front desk to welcome visitors. In addition, Diane Elnick will visit residents and serve as an activities helper. Welcome!